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SUBJECT: NCAP -- BURMESE VISIT TO US

REF: A) STATE 130467, B) RANGOON 1644, C) STATE 118351

1. NEED EMBASSY'S BEST ESTIMATE OF LIKELIHOOD BURMESE
NARCOTICS OFFICIALS WILL BE PREPARED BEGIN OFFICIAL VISIT
TO US ON OR ABOUT JUNE 25 (IN 18 DAYS). IF THAT DATE
CANNOT BE MET, S/NM WOULD PREFER NOW TO RELEASE THAT
THREE-WEEK TIMEFRAME TO VISITORS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES
AND RESCHEDULE BURMESE VISIT AT ANOTHER MUTUALLY CONVENIENT
PERIOD, PERHAPS LATER IN SUMMER. ICA, WHICH WILL BE
PROGRAMMING THE BURMESE VISIT, HAS BACKLOG OF OTHER
VISITORS WHICH COULD USE THE JUNE 25-JULY 15 TIMEFRAME IF
IT WERE RELEASED IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO MAKE OTHER PLANS.
THIS IS A POPULAR TRAVEL SEASON. IMPORTANT POINT IS TO
ENSURE THAT THAT PERIOD IS USEFULLY FILLED BY A SCHEDULED
VISIT, IF NOT BY THE BURMESE, THEN BY SOME OTHER GROUP.
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WE ARE AT THE POINT NOW WHERE IT IS ALMOST TOO LATE TO
SUBSTITUTE ANOTHER VISIT. WE NEED TO MAKE A PROMPT
DECISION.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER
TO CONTINUE RESERVING THE JUNE 25-JULY 15 PERIOD FOR THE

BURMESE VISIT. IF VISIT IS TO BE RESCHEDULED, PLEASE
ASSURE BURMESE OFFICIALS WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO ARRANGE
A NEW MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME FOR THEIR VISIT. VANCE

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